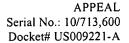
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I. DISCUSSION

In the Examiner's Answer to Reply Brief the Examiner continues to confuse the discussion of service diagnostics of the hardware and software of an ultrasound system with the medical diagnostics for a patient. In particular the Examiner contends that the sentence at column 13, lines 3-8 of US Pat. 5,851,186 (Wood et al.) and the phrase "their diagnostic results" used in the sentence refers to service diagnostics of an ultrasound system. In fact, this sentence is referring to diagnostic results of a patient exam such as ultrasound images and diagnostic reports which might be stored on a remotely accessible central server. This is apparent from the sentences immediately following the sentence in question in the rest of the paragraph, which discuss how a user can access the patient directory on the server to access the reports and ultrasound images from the patient's exams. The paragraph in question only is discussing medical patient diagnostics and not ultrasound system hardware and software diagnostics.

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As the author of the sentence and patent in question, the undersigned is well positioned to know the intent and meaning of this passage.

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